

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION

IN RE: PARAGARD PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL DOCKET NO. 2974

This document relates to:

1:20-md-02974-LMM

GRACE S. COSTA

vs.

Civil Action No.: _____

Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
Teva Women's Health, LLC
Teva Branded Pharmaceutical
Products R&D, Inc.
The Cooper Companies, Inc.
CooperSurgical, Inc.

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

Come(s) now the Plaintiff(s) named below, and for her/their Complaint against the Defendant(s) named below, incorporate(s) the Second Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint (Doc. No. 79), in MDL No. 2974 by reference. Plaintiff(s) further plead(s) as follows:

1. Name of Plaintiff placed with Paragard: Grace S. Costa

2. Name of Plaintiff's Spouse (if a party to the case): Seth J. Costa

3. If case is brought in a representative capacity, Name of Other Plaintiff and capacity (i.e., administrator, executor, guardian, conservator):
No such representative capacity

4. State of Residence of each Plaintiff (including any Plaintiff in a representative capacity) at time of filing of Plaintiff's original complaint: Lamoille County, Vermont

5. State of Residence of each Plaintiff at the time of Paragard placement:
Vermont

6. State of Residence of each Plaintiff at the time of Paragard removal:
Vermont

7. District Court and Division in which personal jurisdiction and venue would be proper:
U. S. District Court, District of Vermont

8. Defendants. (Check one or more of the following five (5) Defendants against whom Plaintiff's Complaint is made. The following five (5) Defendants are the only defendants against whom a Short Form Complaint may be filed. No other entity may be added as a defendant in a Short Form Complaint.):

- ☒ A. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
- ☒ B. Teva Women's Health, LLC
- ☒ C. Teva Branded Pharmaceutical Products R&D, Inc.
- ☒ D. The Cooper Companies, Inc.
- ☒ E. CooperSurgical, Inc.

9. Basis of Jurisdiction

- ☒ Diversity of Citizenship (28 U.S.C. § 1332(a))
- ☐ Other (if Other, identify below):
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10.

Date(s) Plaintiff had Paragard placed (DD/MM/YYYY)	Placing Physician(s) or other Health Care Provider (include City and State)	Date Plaintiff's Paragard was Removed (DD/MM/YYYY)* *If multiple removal(s) or attempted removal procedures, list date of each separately.	Removal Physician(s) or other Health Care Provider (include City and State)** **If multiple removal(s) or attempted removal procedures, list information separately.
04/21/2010	Mindy Schorr, CNM Lebanon, New Hampshire	08/22/2022	Emily Hebert, Saint Johnsbury, VT (1 st removal when arm broke)
		10/17/2022	William Ellis, M.D., Copley Hospital, Morrisville, VT (2 nd surgical removal of broken arm)

11. Plaintiff alleges breakage (other than thread or string breakage) of her Paragard upon removal.

☒ Yes

☐ No

12. Brief statement of injury(ies) Plaintiff is claiming:
Damage to Uterus from traumatic migration of IUD arm; embedded IUD arm;

Pain in uterus.

Plaintiff reserves her right to allege additional injuries and complications specific to her.

13. Product Identification:

- a. Lot Number of Paragard placed in Plaintiff (if now known):

Not currently known

- b. Did you obtain your Paragard from anyone other than the HealthCare Provider who placed your Paragard:

☐ Yes

☒ No

14. Counts in the Master Complaint brought by Plaintiff(s):

☒ Count I – Strict Liability / Design Defect

☒ Count II – Strict Liability / Failure to Warn

☒ Count III – Strict Liability / Manufacturing Defect

☒ Count IV – Negligence

☒ Count V – Negligence / Design and Manufacturing Defect

☒ Count VI – Negligence / Failure to Warn

- ☒ Count IX – Negligent Misrepresentation
 - ☒ Count X – Breach of Express Warranty
 - ☒ Count XI – Breach of Implied Warranty
 - ☒ Count XII – Violation of Consumer Protection Laws
 - ☒ Count XIII – Gross Negligence
 - ☒ Count XIV – Unjust Enrichment
 - ☒ Count XV – Punitive Damages
 - ☒ Count XVI – Loss of Consortium
 - ☐ Other Count(s) (Please state factual and legal basis for other claims not included in the Master Complaint below):
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15. “Tolling/Fraudulent Concealment” allegations:

- a. Is Plaintiff alleging “Tolling/Fraudulent Concealment”?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☒ No
 - b. If Plaintiff is alleging “tolling/fraudulent concealment” beyond the facts alleged in the Master Complaint, please state the facts and legal basis applicable to the Plaintiff in support of those allegations below:
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16. Count VII (Fraud & Deceit) and Count VIII (Fraud by Omission) allegations:

a. Is Plaintiff bringing a claim under Count VII (Fraud & Deceit), Count VIII (Fraud by Omission), and/or any other claim for fraud or misrepresentation?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b. If Yes, the following information must be provided (in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8 and/or 9, and/or with pleading requirements applicable to Plaintiff's state law claims):

i. The alleged statement(s) of material fact that Plaintiff alleges was false: _____

ii. Who allegedly made the statement: _____

iii. To whom the statement was allegedly made: _____

iv. The date(s) on which the statement was allegedly made: _____

17. If Plaintiff is bringing any claim for manufacturing defect and alleging facts beyond those contained in the Master Complaint, the following information must be provided:

a. What does Plaintiff allege is the manufacturing defect in her Paragard? _____

18. Plaintiff's demand for the relief sought is different than what is alleged in the Master Complaint: ^{in addition} any such additional and general relief justice may require, pursuant to Vermont law.

19. Jury Demand:

- ☒ Jury Trial is demanded as to all counts
☐ Jury Trial is NOT demanded as to any count

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